

## Edgefield Advertiser.

## Old 96 District Chapter D. A. R. at Ridge Spring.

The D. A. R. chapter at Edgefield were recipients of an invitation to Ridge Spring, through the courtesy of Mrs. George Strother, Regent of the Michael Watson chapter at that place which they could not well resist, consequently on Wednesday afternoon a party of ladies left Edgefield at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Mrs. J. R. Cantelou and Mr. C. R. Dobson very kindly used their cars to carry the following members: Mrs. J. M. Lawton, Mrs. B. E. Nicholson, Mrs. D. B. Hollingsworth, Mrs. J. L. Mims, Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman, and besides these there were several other representatives from Edgefield, among them Miss Elizabeth Rainsford and Miss Florence Mims.

The occasion was a Shakespearian celebration and out-door pageant taken from Midsummer Night's Dream, and was most beautifully carried out. The music was provided by Mrs. Strother and Shakespear was impersonated by Mr. Cal Watson who made a most dignified imitation of the great poet.

The dancing and singing by the children, representing lovely pantries, water lillies, daisies, tiger lillies, carnations etc., and fairies and Robin Hood's men led by old Friar Tuck was a charming reproduction of the old English May-day festival. And then to crown the scene were the clowns who came out to counterfeit the beautiful. So well did these jesters perform that a little dog rushed in from the outside and put some real fun into the occasion, barking his loudest, and attacking the clowns as they attempted to make merry with their pranks.

Miss Elise Carwile whom all Edgefield knows was one of the participants, and Mrs. Robert Hart who was Maggie Jones and Rena Watson and Louie Jones all known long years ago and loved in Edgefield.

It was a great pleasure to see Mrs. Tilla Jones and her daughters Misses Bessie and Alice Jones, who had been neighbors and playmates in days of yore and Mrs. Anna Sheppard Jones another resident of Edgefield transplanted to Ridge Spring.

At the close of the lovely scene, ice cream and cake was served to the people, and the visitors were most bountifully served as guests of the occasion.

At the close of the pageant a beautiful United States Flag was presented to the Ridge Spring school and accepted by the principal. An address by Dr. Asbill was finished when the Edgefield party arrived. Mr. Steadman of the Ridge Spring High School conducted the programme and made a splendid impression by his clear and distinct utterance which is difficult for an out-door audience of such extent as was this one. The exercises were held out in the grove near the handsome new school building on a green knoll specially prepared for the occasion and provided with seats for all the spectators.

It was an exceedingly creditable undertaking and a great success under the direction of the Michael Watson Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution.

F. A. M.

## Letter from a Georgia Friend of The Advertiser.

Editor Edgefield Advertiser:

Will you please give me space in your paper to write a few lines. I have been a reader of the dear old Advertiser for some time. My father takes it, and I think it is a grand paper. I live twenty miles below Augusta, in Burke county. My father lives on a five-hundred-acre farm, and he certainly has a fine corn crop.

We had a good rain down here Thursday and a good shower Friday.

Mr. Editor, if I see my letter in print I will write again.

A well wisher of the dear old Advertiser.

Marbie Mae White.  
Hephzibah, Ga.

## FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

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WALTER L. HOLMES.

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## JOHNSTON LETTER.

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for a visit to her daughters Mesdames Harry Hamilton and Ollie Hamilton at Middlebrook.

Miss Annie Crouch spent last week at Waynesboro, Ga., with a class mate, the occasion being a delightful house party.

Dr. L. S. Maxwell has returned from Walhalla where he visited his parents.

Mr. Joe Payne was here this week in his new touring car.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mobley are here from Auburndale, Fla., for the summer months.

Miss Sara Stevens has gone to Hartsville to attend the summer school.

A social event most delightful in every way was that of last Thursday evening when Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Maxwell entertained a party of friends, the occasion being in celebration of their first wedding anniversary. This lovely home was made more attractive with cut flowers and ferns and the color motif of pink and blue, as used at their wedding was carried out. Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Crouch, and sweet music was enjoyed as the guests arrived. All were given score cards for progressive rook and after an animated game the ladies' prize, a dainty fan was won by Mrs. Mims Walker and the gentleman's prize by Mr. Wilmot Ouzts, the consolation, a large palmetto fan, tied with the colors, falling to Mrs. J. Howard Payne. An elaborate collection in two courses was served at the ending of the game.

Mrs. Carl Richards was hostess for a lovely morning party on Thursday and sixty friends were invited to enjoy the pleasures arranged. The affair was held in the home of her father, Dr. C. F. Strother and she was assisted by her sister, Mrs. Herbert Eidson. The rooms were bright and fragrant with flowers and numerous tables were about for progressive rook. Partners were gotten with pretty score cards and an hour was happily spent with this pleasant diversion. When the game had concluded the cards were laid aside and on each table a large basket of various kinds of sandwiches was placed and iced tea served, the hostess being assisted by Mesdames W. E. LaGrone and Leon Stansell. The morning was filled with many pleasures and every one was delighted that Mrs. Richards is again in their midst.

The last meeting of the New Century club was held with Miss Alma Woodward on Tuesday afternoon and instead of having a regular study hour the time was used in celebration of the centenary of the Bard of the Avon, William Shakespeare. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. James Strother and at roll call the members answered with quotations from Shakespeare. The first thing taken up was an account of the reception held in Augusta, given by Mrs. A. H. Brenner, president of city clubs this being held at the country club. Mrs. Brenner is pleasantly remembered, having addressed the club at Reciprocity day. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. H. D. Grant; vice-president, Miss Zena Payne; recording secretary, Miss Eva Rushton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. W. Marsh; treasurer, Miss Alma Woodward, critic, Mrs. W. E. LaGrone; librarian, Mrs. B. L. Allen. The program was in charge of Mrs. W. E. LaGrone who gave a few thoughts before this was taken up. A paper on "Shakespeare and his works," was given by Miss Zena Payne; "Sixteenth sonnet" was read by Miss Eva Rushton and Mrs. H. D. Grant read the one hundred and fiftieth sonnet. After this had concluded, the hostess assisted by Miss Hortense Padgett and Mrs. Henry Whittaker served a tempting salad course with iced tea, each place being adorned with sweet peas. The meeting was greatly enjoyed but there was a feeling of sadness as these twenty members departed having concluded their meeting until the fall. Each one of the twenty meetings has had its varied pleasures and the course has brought about much profit and research and social intercourse.

The Angeline Bacon chapter children of the Confederacy held their last meeting Saturday afternoon with Miss Louise Hoyt and during business their work for the year was concluded. The proposed work of the D. of C., of South Carolina, is that they undertake some form of memorial to the boys of sixteen who volunteered during the war between the states. This chapter thought this a beautiful work to do and set aside what remained in the treasury as the first funds to this purpose so far no chapter yet having started this. The subject for the afternoon was "Jefferson Davis" and the historian Miss Frances Turner had a most interesting program arranged. There were several musical

## Some Early South Carolina Newspapers—The Advertiser the Oldest Now Published.

While examining some old documents not long ago in a desk that was formerly used by the late Capt. L. M. Grist, a member of The Enquirer staff, came across some written pages in the handwriting of that veteran printer and publisher that contain some facts that will prove of some little interest to the younger printers and publishers of this generation, and probably also to the historian as well. The pages were written July 31, 1899, and although not intended for publication in the form in which they were found, their contents are reproduced herewith, substantially without change:

"My father was a printer. When he caused me to enter the printing office in May, 1840, it was for the purpose of commencing the publication of the Yorkville Compiler, a prospectus for which had been issued sometime previous. He had arranged to use a press that had been brought to Yorkville about 1832 for the purpose of printing the lectures of Rev. Wm. C. Davis, a learned and able Presbyterian minister. The press was what was known as a "Ramage" and was similar in style to that used by Benjamin Franklin, in his day. The forms of type were inked by what were technically known as "balls," made of buckskin bags, stuffed with wood. They were provided with wooden handles and the ink was distributed by rubbing the balls together, and then pounding them down lightly on the type. A year after this we dispensed with the balls and instead used a roller, made by stretching a piece of woolen blanket over a cylinder and covering it with buckskin. We first commenced to use a composition roller in 1849. When I went to the case in 1840, the only daily papers printed in the state were in Charleston. They were the Charleston Courier, the Charleston Mercury, the Southern Patriot, and the Charleston Evening Transcript. The Evening Transcript was issued from the office of the Southern Patriot. The Courier and Mercury issued tri-weeklies, making them up from the first and fourth pages of two daily issues and sending them out on each alternate day. There was no caption across the pages as at present. Besides the dailies there were in Charleston the following weeklies: Southern Baptist, Catholic Missionary, Southern Christian Advocate. In Columbia there were three weeklies, as follows: South Carolinian, Southern Chronicle, Temperance Advocate. There were three weekly papers in Edgefield county, two at Hamburg and one at Edgefield courthouse. These were the Edgefield Advertiser, the Hamburg Journal and the Hamburg Republican. The Edgefield Advertiser was published by W. F. Derisoe. There was also the Mountaineer of Greenville, the Compiler of Yorkville, the Journal of Camden, the Messenger of Pendleton and the Gazette of Chesterfield. To the best of my recollection there were no other papers in the state. There was none in Chester, Winnsboro, Newberry, Union, Spartanburg, Abbeville, Anderson, Sumter, Orangeburg, Barnwell, Colleton, Laurens, Horry, Williamsburg. The Edgefield Advertiser and the Southern Christian Advocate are the only papers that have been printed continuously under the same name. I remember the early numbers of all the other papers in the state not mentioned above. The Pioneer was the first paper published in Yorkville and the date of the first issue was August 16, 1823. The first issue of The Yorkville Enquirer made its appearance on January 4, 1855. This was the first South Carolina newspaper outside of Columbia and Charleston to use a machine, press and steam power." —Yorkville Enquirer.

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selections besides the readings. The officers elected were, president, Miss Jessie Edwards; vice-president, Miss Bettie Waters; recording secretary, Miss Louise Boyd; treasurer, Miss Sadie Lee Bruce; historian, Miss Frances Turner. The hostess assisted by Miss Annie Holmes Harrison served a variety of sandwiches and iced tea.

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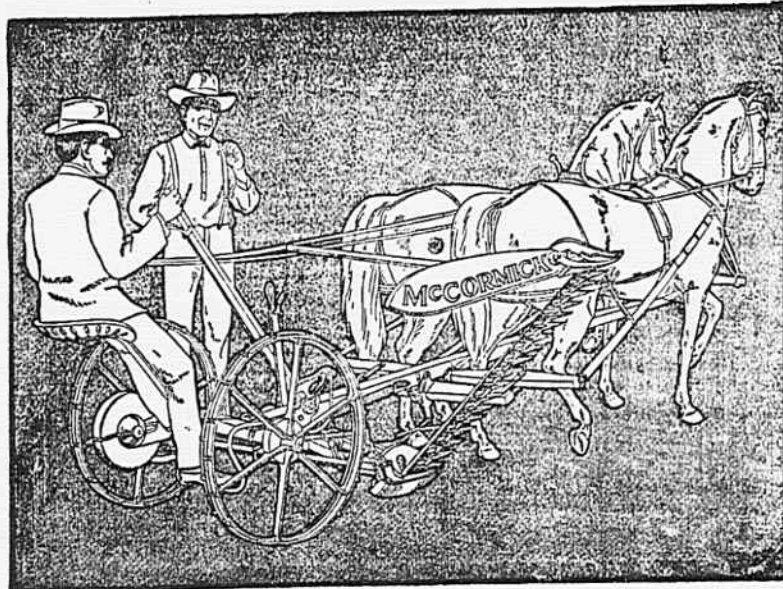


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